(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Dumping of seeds by multinational Corporations under new seeds import policy

354. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently given a Carte-blanche to multinational Corporations to dump their seeds without necessary quarantine facilities and seeds of a possible biological nightmare in the new seed import policy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) how far it is likely to affect the food production in the country; and

(d) whether Government propose to reverse its decision; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRl SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Increase in the import Duty on Newsprint

355. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to increase import duty on newsprint to 40 per cent in the near future;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the increase of import duty on' newsprint would be disastrous consequences for the press and further decline in the growth of circulation of newspapers in the country; and *i*

(d) whether Governmentpropose to withdraw the proposedduty to save the newspapers; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No Sir.)

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Permission for skyscrappers in Delhi

356. SHRl GURUDAS DAS GUPTA; Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to allow skyscrappers in Delhi in violation of the Master Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that there has been a strong resentment against this policy;

(d) if so, whether some changes are going to be made in the matter; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRl DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e) Guidelines about regulating high rise construction in Delhi have bee$_n$ recently issued by the Government after considering various points of view. Concerned local bodies have advised to incorporate these guidelines in their bye-laws and regulations after completing the prescribed legal formalities which include the issue of public notices inviting suggestions and objections